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There has been no additional reporting on the recent spate of Communist attacks against Lao Army positions some 30 miles northeast of Savannakhet. There is no indication that the activity is anything more than a continuation of localized tactical actions around contested sectors. The flare-up occurred on April 8 and 9, only a few days after the formation of a coalition government in Vientiane.

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The matter was brought up at the coalition cabinet's first meeting on April 10. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Phoumi

Vongvichit--the senior Lao Communist cabinet official--indicated that no action should be taken on the recent incidents. He did suggest, however, that the Joint Commission to Implement the Agreement send mobile inspection teams to investigate similar incidents in the future. The cabinet approved his suggestion.